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**INTERMEDIA
COMMUNICATIONS****August 15, 1996**

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**Walter D'Haeseleer, Director
Capital Circle Office Center
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850**

Dear Mr. D'Haeseleer:

Enclosed is Intermedia Communication's response to staff's data request related to the status of competition. We hope that our responses assist the staff in the review of this matter. Intermedia expects to continue to implement services in the local exchange market and we believe these services to be our initial link in our integrated telecommunications solutions for business, government and telecommunications industry customers.

If there is additional information that we may provide please call me at (813) 829-2231.

Sincerely,

**Steven T. Brown
Director State Regulatory Policy**

Enclosure: 1

cc: Laura King

Tom Allen

Pat Kurlin

**INTERMEDIA COMMUNICATIONS
RESPONSE TO FPSC STAFF DATA REQUEST**

1.
a) Are you currently offering services to business customers in Florida?

YES

- b) If the response to (a) is affirmative, please identify and describe the services which you offer to business customers in Florida. If available, please provide any public documents (e.g., brochures) that discuss the services you offer.

Intermedia Communications (ICI) is offering switched local exchange service for business, government and telecommunications industry customers. ICI offers Business Exchange Line Service, PBX Trunk Service and ISDN Service. These services are the initial link in our integrated telecommunications solutions for business, government and telecommunications industry customers. ICI is known for its ability to package customized solutions to meet each customer's specific requirements. ICI provides voice, data and video services; local and long-distance switched services, advanced access services; and enhanced data services including Internet access services to business, government and telecommunications industry customers.

- c) Are you currently providing services to business customers in Florida?

YES

- d) If the response to (c) is affirmative, please identify and describe the services which you are providing to business customers in Florida.

ICI is providing Internet access via ISDN service, PBX trunk service and local Business exchange line service to customers.

- e) To the extent not indicated in response to (b), do you currently offer local exchange service to business customers in Florida?

YES

- f) If the response to (e) is affirmative, please identify in what areas (e.g., exchanges) you offer local exchange service?

Miami, Tampa, Orlando exchanges.

- g) If the response to (e) is affirmative, and to the extent not indicated in response to (b), if available please provide any public documents (e.g., brochures) that discuss the local exchange services you offer.

N/A

- h) If the response to (e) is affirmative, and to the extent not indicated in the response to (b), please provide any public documents (e.g., brochures or price list) that reflect the prices of the local exchange services you offer.

N/A

- i) If the response to (e) is negative, please identify in what areas (e.g., exchanges) you initially expect to offer local exchange service, and your current projected date for when such service will be offered.

Jacksonville exchange -- projected date 11/96

- j) To the extent not indicated in response to (c), are you currently providing local exchange service to business customers in Florida?

NO

- k) If the response to (j) is affirmative, please identify in what areas (e.g., exchanges) you are providing local exchange service.

N/A

2.

- a) Are you currently offering services to residential customers in Florida?

NO

- b) If the response to (a) is affirmative, please identify and describe the services which you offer to residential customers in Florida. If available, please provide any public documents (e.g., brochures) that discuss the services you offer residential customers.

N/A

- c) Are you currently providing services to residential customers in Florida?

NO

- d) If the response to (c) is affirmative, please identify and describe the services which you are providing to residential customers in Florida.

N/A

- e) To the extent not indicated in response to (b), do you currently offer local exchange service to residential customers in Florida?

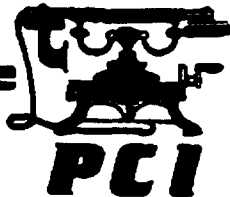
NO

- f) If the response to (e) is affirmative, please identify in what areas (e.g., exchanges) you offer local exchange service to residential customers?

N/A

- g) If the response to (e) is affirmative, and to the extent not indicated in response to (b), if available please provide any public documents (e.g., brochures) that discuss the local exchange services you offer to residential customers.

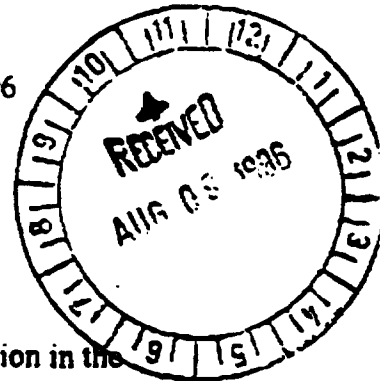
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Payphone Consultants, Inc.
3431 N.W. 55th Street
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309

August 2, 1996



Dear Sir/Madame:

Your letter dated July 24, 1996 requested information regarding status of competition in the Telecommunications industry. Enclosed please find Payphone Consultants Inc. Responses

1.

A. Are you currently offering services to business customers in Florida?

Yes on a limited basis, we are currently beta testing our management systems.

B. If the response to a is affirmative, please identify and described the services which you offer to business customers in Florida. If available, please provide any public documents (E. G. Brochure) that discuss the services you offer.

**Flat rate business service, Limited Service area, beta testing.
Caller ID Limited Service area, beta testing.
Rotary service (hunting) Limited Service area, beta testing
custom calling services, Limited Service area, beta testing**

Brochure unavailable until late August

C. Are you currently providing services to business customers in Florida?

YES On a Limited beta testing basis.

D. If the response to (C.) is affirmative, please identify and described the services which you are providing to business customers in Florida.

See No. B. Above,

E. To the extent not indicated in response (B.), to you currently offer local exchange service to business customers in Florida?

Yes on a resale basis only.

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2.

A. are you currently offering services to residential customers in Florida?

Yes on a Limited basis, we are beta testing are management systems.

B. If the response to (a) is affirmative please identify and described the services which you offer to residential customers in Florida. If available, please provide any public documents (E. G. Brochure) that discuss the services you offer residential customers.

Flat rate residential services Limited availability at this time
custom calling features Limited availability at this time
Caller ID Limited availability at this time

C. Are you currently providing services to residential customers in Florida?

Yes on a Limited bases currently beta testing management systems

D. If the response to (C.) Is affirmative, please identify and described the services which you are providing to residential customers in Florida.

Please see item B. Above

E. To the extent not indicated in response to (B.), are you currently offer local exchange services to residential customers in Florida?

Yes on a very limited basis, currently testing management systems

F. If the response to (E.) Is affirmative, please identify in what areas (E. G. Exchanges), you offer local exchange service to residential customers.

Orange County and Broward County.

G. If the response to (E.) Is affirmative, and to the extent not indicated in the response to (B.), if available please provide any public documents (E. G., brochure) that discuss the local exchange services you offer to residential customers.

Brochure unavailable at this time.

Public Service Commission
Capital Circle Office Center
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

September 8, 1996

Laura V King

Your letter dated 9-3-96

1. (A) As of September 1, 1996, to how many residential customers are you presently providing service?

6 customers at this time.

(B) In what cities are you providing residential service?

4 in Orlando
2 in Fort Lauderdale

(C) As of September 1, 1996, to how many residential customers are you presently providing flat - rate single line service?

6 customers at this time

2. (A) As of September 1, 1996, to how many business customers are you presently providing service?


7 customers at this time

(B) In what cities are you providing business service?

Fort Lauderdale

(C) As of September 1, 1996, to how many business customers are you presently providing flat - rate single line service.

7 Customers at this time


John Murray
Payphone Consultants Inc.
3431 N.W. 55TH Street
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309



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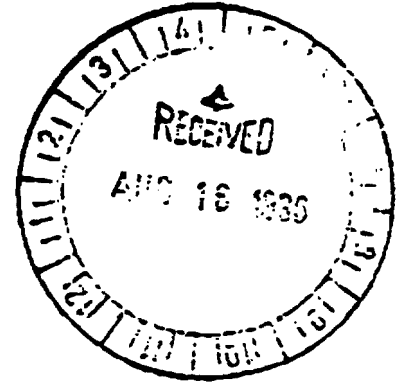
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Box 162922 M/C 4380
Altamonte Springs, Florida 32716-2922
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Fax: 407-875-5489

Richard A. Warner
Operations Manager
Sprint Metropolitan Networks, Inc.

August 13, 1996

Ms. Laura V. King
Florida Public Service Commission
Capital Circle Office Center
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850



Dear Ms. King:

Attached you will find Sprint Metropolitan Network, Inc.'s response to the July 24, 1996 data request. Should you need additional information, please feel free to contact me at (407) 875-2101.

Sincerely,

Richard Warner
Operations Manager

1. a. Yes, Sprint Metropolitan Networks, Inc. (SMNI) is currently offering services to business customers in Florida.

b. SMNI currently offers the following services to business customers in Florida:

- PBX Trunks
- Rotary Lines
- B-1 lines
- Direct Inward Dialing
- Direct Trunk Interface
- Hunt Groups (Rotary, Linear, Circular)
- Access to Long Distance Companies
- Dial tone Services via DS-1 Transport

c. Yes, SMNI is currently providing services to business customers in Florida.

d. SMNI is currently providing the services outlined in 1b above to business customers in Florida.

e. Yes, SMNI currently offers local exchange service to business customers in Florida.

f. SMNI currently offers local exchange service in

- Lake Mary 407-303 and 407-531
- Orlando 407-206, 407-513 and 407-514
- Winter Park 407-304

g. See attached Brochure that discusses the local exchange services SMNI offers.

h. Proprietary information.

i. N/A

j. Yes, SMNI is currently providing local exchange service to business customers in Florida.

k. SMNI is currently providing local exchange service to business customer in Orlando (407-206) and Lake Mary (407-531).

2. a. Yes, SMNI is currently offering services to residential customers in Florida.

b. SMNI offers dial tone services to residential customers.

c. Yes, SMNI is currently providing services to residential customers in Florida.

d. SMNI is providing local dial tone.

e. Yes, SMNI currently offers local exchange service to residential customers in Florida.

f. SMNI currently offers local exchange service to residential customers in

- Lake Mary 407-303 and 407-531
- Orlando 407-206, 407-513 and 407-514
- Winter Park 407-304



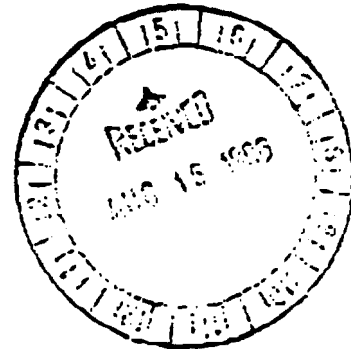
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August 15, 1996

VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Ms. Laura King
Regulatory Analyst
Division of Communications
Florida Public Service Commission



Dear Ms. King:

Enclosed please find TCG South Florida's response to the data request regarding the status of competition in the state of Florida that was mailed on July 24, 1996.

Kindly return the enclosed copy of this letter in the enclosed, postage paid envelope to prove receipt.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if in need of further information; I can be reached at (718) 355-4433.

Sincerely,

Michael Earls
Regulatory Analyst

Florida PSC Data Request

Q1. (a) Are you currently offering services to business customers in Florida?

A1. (a) TCG South Florida is currently offering service to business customers in Florida.

Q1. (b) If the response to (a) is affirmative, please identify and describe the services which you offer to business customers in Florida. If available, please provide any public documents (e.g. brochures) that discuss the services you offer.

A1. (b) TCG South Florida offers a full range of local telecommunication services including dedicated private lines, centrex, PBX trunks and data services. Please see TCG South Florida's tariff on file.

Q1. (c) Are you currently providing services to business customers in Florida?

A1. (c) TCG South Florida is currently providing service to business customers in Florida.

Q1. (d) If the response to (c) is affirmative, please identify and describe the services which you are providing to business customers in Florida.

A1. (d) TCG South Florida is currently providing Private Line, TeleXpress and Centrex services to business customers in Florida. Please refer to TCG South Florida's tariff on file for full descriptions.

Q1. (e) To the extent not indicated in response to (b), do you currently offer local exchange service to business customers in Florida.

A1. (e) N/A

Q1. (f) If the response to (e) is affirmative, please identify in what areas (e.g., exchanges) you offer local exchange service.

A1. (f) TCG South Florida offers local exchange services in the 305, 954 and 407 area codes. The 407 area code is in the process is being changes to 561.

Q1. (g) If the response to (e) is affirmative, and to the extent not indicated in response to (b), if available please provide any public documents (e.g. brochures) that discuss the local exchange services you offer.

A1. (g) N/A

Florida PSC Data Request

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Q1.(h) If the response to (e) is affirmative, and to the extent not indicated in response to (b), please provide any public documents (e.g. brochures, or price lists) that reflect the prices of the local exchange services you offer.

A1. (h) N/A

Q1. (i) If the response to (e) is negative, please identify in what areas (e.g. exchanges) you initially expect to offer local exchange service, and your current projected date for when such service will be offered.

A1. (i) N/A

Q1. (j) To the extent not indicated in response to (c), are you currently providing local exchange service to business customers in Florida?

A1. (j) N/A

Q1. (k) If the response to (j) is affirmative, please identify in what areas (e.g. exchanges) you are providing local exchange services.

A1. (k) N/A

Q2. (a) Are you currently offering services to residential customers in Florida?

A2. (a) TCG South Florida is not offering service to residential customers in Florida.

Q2. (b) If the response to (a) is affirmative, please identify and describe the services which you offer to residential customers in Florida. If available, please provide any public documents (e.g. brochures) that discuss the services you offer residential customers.

A2. (b) N/A

Q2. (c) Are you currently providing services to residential customers in Florida?

A2. (c) N/A

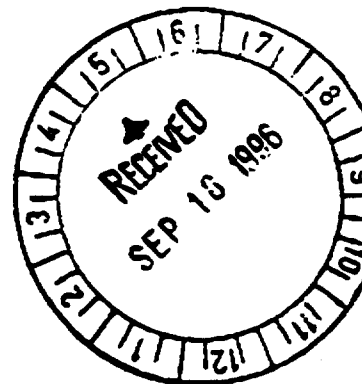
Q2. (d) If the response to (c) is affirmative, please identify and describe the services which you are providing to residential customers in Florida.

A2. (d) N/A

TCG - FLORIDA
1001 WEST CYPRESS CREEK ROAD
FT. LAUDERDALE, FL 33309
(954) 453-4245
FAX: (954) 491-5812

September 9, 1996

Ms. Laura V. King
Regulatory Analyst
Division of Communications
Public Service Commission



Dear Ms. King:

With regards to your letter dated August 27, 1996 to Graham Taylor. Detailed below, please find our responses to your questions:

1. TCG began offering private line telecommunications services in December 1994 and "local" telecommunications service on April 1, 1996.

2(a) Yes, TCG is offering local exchange service in area codes 305, 407 and 954.

2(b) N/A

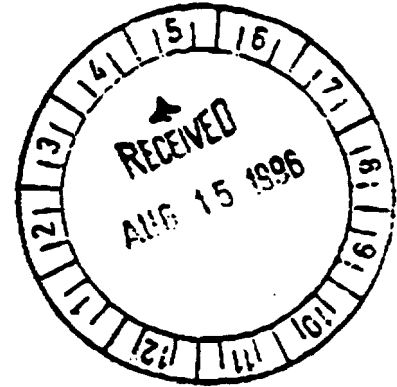
2(c) TCG is "offering" local service for customers in the Miami, Ft. Lauderdale and West Palm Beach municipalities.

2(d) TCG is "providing" local service for customers in the Miami, Ft. Lauderdale and West Palm Beach municipalities.

3. TCG's original response that multi-tenant building owners were charging TCG fees for building access, but not charging BellSouth still stands. Other impediments include;

- Lack of true number portability. Under the current method of number portability, BellSouth is taking two days to port over 9 numbers and longer for 10 or more numbers. There are no escalation procedures to assist with number portability issues. BellSouth has missed their due dates on every local service order that required call forwarding for number portability. These issues have put TCG of South Florida at an unfair competitive disadvantage.

Jill Nickel Butler
Director of Regulatory Affairs



August 15, 1996

**Mr. Walter D'Hasseler, Director
Division of Communications
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oaks Blvd.
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850**

Re: FPSC Staff Data Request Regarding the Status of Local Competition Dated July 24, 1996.

Dear Mr. ^{Butler}D'Hasseler,

On behalf of Time Warner AxS of Florida, L.P. d/b/a Time Warner Communications and Digital Media Partners (collectively known as "Time Warner Communications," enclosed is Time Warner's response to the referenced data request. Please call me if you have any questions, at 904/942-1181.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Jill Nickel Butler'.

Jill Nickel Butler

**cc: Rich Gerstemeier
Leslie Carter
John Rigsby/Diane Pickett
Jeff McQuinn/Leslie Carter
Carolyn Marek
Laura King**

**FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
DATA REQUEST**

1. (a) Are you currently offering services to business customers in Florida?

YES.

- (b) If the response to (a) is affirmative, please identify and describe the services which you offer to business customers in Florida. If available, please provide any public documents (e.g., brochures) that discuss the services you offer.

High capacity transport.

- (c) Are you currently providing services for business customers in Florida?

YES.

- (d) If the response to (c) is affirmative, please identify and describe the services which you are providing to business customers in Florida.

High capacity transport.

- (e) To the extent not indicated in response to (b), do you currently offer local exchange service to business customers in Florida?

Yes, Private line.

- (f) If the response to (e) is affirmative, please identify in what areas (e.g., exchanges) you offer local exchange service.

Orlando Metropolitan Area

- (g) If the response to (e) is affirmative, and to the extent not indicated in response to (b), if available please provide any public documents (e.g., brochures) that discuss the local exchange services you offer.

None available at this time

- (h) If the response to (e) is affirmative, and to the extent not indicated in response to (b), if available please provide any public documents (e.g., brochures or price lists) that reflect the prices of the local exchange services you offer.

None available at this time

- (i) If the response to (e) is negative, please identify in what areas (e.g., exchanges) you initially expect to offer local exchange service, and your current projected date for when such service will be offered.

N/A

- (j) To the extent not indicated in response to (c), are you currently providing local exchange service to business customers in Florida?

YES

- (k) If the response to (j) is affirmative, please identify in what areas (e.g., exchanges) you are providing local exchange service.

Orlando Metropolitan Area

2. (a) Are you currently offering services to residential customers in Florida?

No

- (b) If the response to (a) is affirmative, please identify and describe the services which you offer to residential customers in Florida. If available, please provide any public documents (e.g., brochures) that discuss the services you offer residential customers.

N/A

- (c) Are you currently providing services to residential customers in Florida?

No

- (d) If the response to (c) is affirmative, please identify and describe the services which you are providing to residential customers in Florida.

N/A

- (e) To the extent not indicated in response to (b), do you currently offer local exchange service to residential customers in Florida?

N/A

- (f) If the response to (e) is affirmative, please identify in what areas (e.g., exchanges) you offer local exchange service to residential customers.

N/A



Local Bells take federal ruling to court

BY DAVID GORDON
Herald Business Writer

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 has been hailed for its promise to break up local telephone monopolies and give consumers more choices for telephone service.

The act was passed in February after intense lobbying by the regional Bell telephone companies, long distance carriers and cable television interests. Now, implementation of the act is triggering a new round of skirmishing.

BellSouth and other regional Bell telephone companies are going to court to try to reverse a month-old Federal Communications Commission order that forces them to grant heavily discounts to competitors who want to lease access

to the Bells' telephone networks in order to resell local telephone service.

Pacific Telecable Group, Bell Atlantic and BellSouth filed a joint suit on Friday asking the U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington to overturn the FCC's order. The FCC is charged with implementing the Telecommunications Act. Other regional Bells and GTE Corp. either have sued or plan to sue.

BellSouth says it doesn't oppose competition but objects to the rates the FCC says it can charge competitors to "interconnect" with it.

The FCC says the Bells must resell local phone services to competitors at discounts of roughly 25 percent below their retail rates. The Bells argue a 5 to

10 percent discount would be more appropriate. The Bells also argue that the rates they can charge competitors for interconnection should be set by state regulation, such as Florida's Public Service Commission, rather than by the FCC.

The Bells say the FCC's proposed rates don't compensate them for their historical cost in building and maintaining their telephone networks and are so low as to discourage competitors from building their own networks.

"The FCC's pricing methodology, in effect, allows a Big Government federal agency to take BellSouth's property without just compensation," said Walter Alford, BellSouth's general counsel.

The PSC also opposes the FCC order, saying the federal government is usurping its power to regulate local telephone service.

Some industry experts believe that the FCC is right to take the lead in enforcing the Telecommunications Act, saying the Bells have too much clout with some state regulators.

But John Martin, a Tallahassee lawyer who was chairman of the PSC in the mid-1980s, says the regional Bell companies and state regulators both have legitimate grievances with the FCC.

"I'm inclined to believe that when it comes to local issues such as these, state

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Bells battle fallout from FCC ruling

BELLSOUTH, FROM 7B

regulatory commissions tend to have a better handle on things than the FCC," Martin says.

"We don't always like the Florida PSC, they don't always do the right thing, but it's a reasonably fair forum," Bell consumers, says Monte Belsic, executive director of the Florida Consumer Action Network. Belsic notes that Flor-

ida consumers already pay the lowest local phone rates in the South and have benefited from the FCC's jurisdiction over rates.

Joseph P. Lacher, president of BellSouth Florida, said in a statement that the company is committed to bringing competition to local telephone service because it wants to compete in the long distance market. The FCC won't allow the Bell companies to offer long distance service until they demonstrate they have opened their local monopolies.

"We cannot, however, participate fairly or evenly with our competitors if the rules of the FCC interconnection order are implemented as written," Lacher

said.

Belsic says BellSouth's position highlights the fact that true competition for local phone service is still more dream than reality. He predicts the legal wrangling between the FCC and the regional Bell companies could take years.

When competition does come, it will be for long business customers, Belsic says. "We're waiting patiently for real competition, but we don't think we're going to see it anytime soon."